

Kentucky
HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Kentucky Oral History Commission



From left to right: Al Smith, John Ed Pearce, and Dr. Lynwood Montell.

- Established by statute 153.380 in 1976.
- Overseen by a twelve member appointed board and at least eleven advisors.
- Fosters statewide oral history documentation through granting programs and outreach.
- Supports – and serves as a unifying influence for – oral history programs and archives throughout the Commonwealth.

What is an oral history?

A recorded dialogue between two people that captures personal memories of historic significance.

Kentucky Oral History Commission Programs and Grants

- Technical Assistance
- Preservation Assistance
- Project Grant
- Transcription and Indexing Grant
- Preservation Grant
- Presentation Grant
- Archival Accreditation



Support for Collecting Oral Histories

- Technical Assistance
 - Equipment loan
 - Training
- Project Grant
 - Up to 7,500 with 1:1 match
 - \$100 per interview hour
 - Travel, supplies, equipment, etc.



Support for Making Oral Histories Accessible



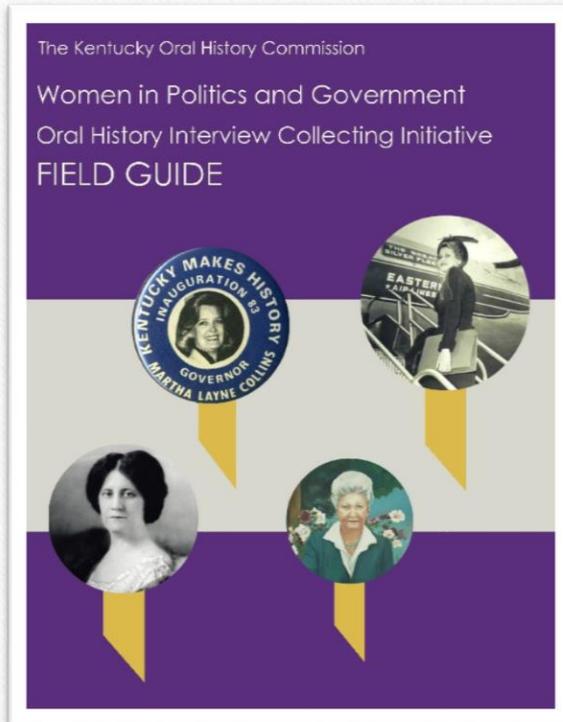
- Transcription and Indexing Grant
 - Up to \$5,000
 - \$120 per interview hour – transcribe
 - \$40 per interview hour – index
- Presentation Grant
 - Up to \$2,500 with 1:1 match
 - Funds exhibits, podcasts, online media
 - Personnel, fees, supplies, travel, marketing, etc.

Support for Archives

- Preservation Assistance
 - Equipment loan
 - Training
- Preservation Grant
 - Up to \$3,500
 - costs for producing a digital copy
- Archival Accreditation



Other Opportunities



- Special Collecting Initiatives
 - Requests for single interviews around a topic or theme
 - Low-barrier proposal requirements
 - Possible stipend or honorarium
- Oral History Workshops
 - 90+ min. introduction to conducting oral histories

Where Can I Find Kentucky Oral Histories?

The screenshot shows the homepage of the 'PASS THE WORD' website, a project of the Kentucky Oral History Commission. The page has a light green and white color scheme. At the top right, there are navigation links for HOME, COLLECTIONS, INTERVIEWS, and RESOURCES. Below these is a search bar with a 'Search' button. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column features a 'Featured Collections' section with a green header. The first collection is 'African American Education in South Central Kentucky', which includes a black and white photograph of a group of people in front of a brick building. The right column is titled 'Oral History News' and contains three news items: 'Announcing the Library of Congress' (a Congressional Data Challenge), 'New FADGI MXF AS-07 Specification' (a guest post by Kate Murray), and 'Take the NDSA 2017 Web Archiving' (a guest post co-written by Grace Thomas). A 'more' link is located at the bottom right of the news section.

HOME COLLECTIONS INTERVIEWS RESOURCES

PASS THE WORD

A PROJECT OF THE KENTUCKY ORAL HISTORY COMMISSION

Search

Featured Collections

African American Education in South Central Kentucky

This project, "African American Education in South Central Kentucky, 1920 - 1960", was conducted by Joseph Carl Ruff, and includes 26 interviews with African Americans who were educated in and/or taught in south central Kentucky. Their first-hand accounts provide a unique perspective on the evolution of the education of African Americans in the region. Each interview reflects the...



Oral History News

Announcing the Library of Congress

Today we launch a Congressional Data Challenge, a competition asking participants to leverage...

New FADGI MXF AS-07 Specification

The following is a guest post by Kate Murray, organizer the FADGI Audio-Visual Working Group and...

Take the NDSA 2017 Web Archiving

This is a guest post co-written by Grace Thomas, Data Specialist for Web Archiving at the...

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Communicating With the Homeless Customers in Your Library

Tuesday, September 24, 2:00-3:00 pm ET (1:00-2:00 pm CT)

E-rate for Everyone: Your Introduction to Funding Year 2020

Wednesday, October 2, 10:00-11:00 am ET (9:00-10:00 am CT)

Direct Mailing the Library Newsletter

Wednesday, October 2, 2:00-3:00 pm ET (1:00-2:00 pm CT)

Library Link Up: DNA in Genealogy Research

Thursday, October 3, 1:00-2:00 pm ET (12:00-1:00 CT)

More webinars are available on our [Archived Webinars page](#):

<https://kdla.ky.gov/librarians/staffdevelopment/kdlaarchivedwebinars/Pages/default.aspx>

Thank you for attending!

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